Bradford Reporter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

☞ The I.O. of G.T. Lecture Committee have just received a telegram announcing the severe illness of OLIVE LOGAN, and her lecture in this place is accordingly indefinitely postponed.

☞ The Episcopal Mite Society will meet on Monday evening next, at the residence of M. C. MERCUR.

☞ The annual reception of Liberty Hose Company will come off at MERCUR'S Hall on Thursday, Feb. 16.

☞ Prayer meetings are being held in the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in this place, every evening this week.

☞ During the year just closed, Rev. H. ARMSTRONG, of Monroeton, united in matrimony *twenty-nine* couples. Has any other minister in the county beaten this?

☞ W. H. MORGAN & Co. have purchased J. P. KIBBY's farm on the old plank road, and have some very fine pine and oak timber for sale.

☞ The members of Naiad Engine Company, No. 2, presented their foreman, E. F. SMITH, with a beautiful silver cake basket on Monday evening last.

☞ The Board of Directors of the Towanda Iron Manufacturing Company have re-elected Col. G. F. MASON President for the ensuing year.

☞ We notice among the patents issued during the month of December, one to Mrs. JANE CARTER, of this place, for a "Safety Lock for Fruit Jars."

☞ The anniversary exercises of the Public Sunday-school will take place on Sunday afternoon, next, commencing at 2 o'clock.

☞ Hon. W. H. JESSUP was here last week to listen to the arguments of counsel in the Fall Creek case. He has not made his decision yet.

☞ The firm of N. KINNEY & Co., of Waverly, in the carriage manufacturing business, is dissolved, and the business is continued by N. KINNEY.

☞ The number of students at Keystone State Institute has reached about one hundred. Messrs. RYAN and QUINLAN are popular teachers, and we are glad to see their merits appreciated.

☞ We are gratified to learn that Mr. Cole's association have voted to repeat the cantata of Esther, and devote the proceeds to purchasing a Hook and Ladder Company.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—A conference of the North Branch Association of Universalists will be held in Standing Stone on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11. Public services will be held at 10½ a.m., and at 14 and 7 p.m. of each day.

☞ Patrons of the Susquehanna State Institute will be pleased to learn that Mr. LEONA OSBORNE has been engaged as a teacher. Miss O. is thoroughly fitted for the position, and will add largely to the reputation of the institution.

☞ ALFRED STROPE, of Burlington, was run over by the cars at Athens, Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, and instantly killed. It is supposed that he had been drinking. No one knows how he came upon the track, as the engineer did not see him.

A FLOURISHING INSTITUTION.—The First National Bank, of this place, paid a dividend of sixteen per cent. on its capital stock for the year ending December 31. The stockholders of this bank have reason to thank their efficient and accommodating cashier, N. N. BETTS, for much of the success of the concern.

NEW FIRM.—J. O. FROST has taken in EDWARD and LEATER, into copartnership in the furniture business. They are both young men, and Mr. F. has acted wisely in encouraging them. We wish the new firm success.

☞ The County Commissioners have made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

[illegible] E. B. COVERT, [illegible] N. C. MERCUR, [illegible] D. S. PEARL, [illegible] GEO. DE MANSLL.

☞ At a regular meeting of Towanda Borough, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, [illegible] were elected for the ensuing year:

W. H. HOOM, President; JOHN MOSS, Jr., Secretary; [illegible] BASS, Treasurer; [illegible] F. MERCUR, A.R.S.—M. B. [illegible]; Wm. EVANS, Treasurer; C. F. TALBOT; [illegible] W. EMORY, Asst. Sec.; Mess. B. W. EMORY; [illegible] FOX, O.S.—O. A. BALDWIN, Chaplain.

☞ Mr. LEO MILLER, of New York, delivered an able and interesting lecture on the Jews, for Relatives to Temperance, in this place, on the 27th inst. Rev. [illegible] presided. He pointed the sinner to a Divine Redeemer, affirming that the Jews were entitled to the rights of citizenship, as much as any other people. We regret that a few of our citizens were not present to hear him, and we will be glad to see him again. Should he do so, we will guarantee a full house.

☞ The Postmaster General has at last proposed for carrying the mail between Towanda, Pa., and the following places in this county:

From Litchfield, by Jonas Minch's (no office), Rhinebeck, 5 miles and back, three times a week, by connection with R.R. mail trains, a route satisfactory to the inhabitants of Litchfield, to Lime Hill, Balfinlay (no office), and Camp Selo (no office), to Derrick, 10 miles and back, three times a week. Leave Litchfield on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 a.m., to arrive at mail train; arrive at Litchfield by 4 p.m. Leave Derrick Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 7 a.m., arrive at Litchfield by 10 a.m.

From Russell Hill to Keiserville, one office, 3 miles and back, once a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the postmaster.

☞ There is some excitement in Wyoming county over the supposed discovery of silver on the farm of Widow EASTMAN and George FOSTER. Some persons from Barclay township, and some one which has been proved, copper has been discovered. The presence of a quartz vein has been known for many years, and indications of either lead or copper have been found in abundance. We have seen specimens of the ore as yet, but enough of reliability assure us that there is no doubting about the indications.—*N. Y. Gazette.*

FIRE IN ORWELL.—The large barns of Messrs. J. H. & C. G. COWLES, in this place, with all their hay and grain and most of their farming implements, were burned on Sunday evening last. The fire was discovered about 10 o'clock, and was the work of an incendiary. Loss [illegible] insurance. In consequence of this loss the Messrs. COWLES will sell their stock and farming tools at auction, on Wednesday, January 11, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

☞ Bradford county is becoming famous for the excellent quality as well as quantity of its pork. Mr. J. M. TRACY, of South Springfield, killed last month, weighing 352 pounds, gross, but seven months old. Mr. [illegible] of Athens has the heaviest of late reports, the Old pig, the other night weighing, dressed, 36 lbs. Very good, considering the Springfield sands as the feeding ground in reference to hogs slaughtered in that township.

☞ Mr. [illegible] Wilson, who is a butcher in Williamsport, came to Smithfield and purchased of Messrs. [illegible] and Luke Bunn, three hogs to be delivered at Troy, when killed, at twelve cents per pound.

We learn, from a Williamsport paper now before me, that they were taken there and put on exhibition, and that the gross weight of the 3 hogs was 2,355 pounds, and that the weight of the largest was supposed to be 850 pounds. It is also stated that they were the largest which had appeared in that market this season. D. B.

PERSONAL.—Hon. U. MERCUR and J. HOLCOMB, Esq., have been spending the Christmas holidays at home.

—Representatives WEBB and BUCK left for Harrisburg on Wednesday last.

—T. H. SENIOR, Esq., editor of the *Mirror of Typography* and agent for the sale of the celebrated "Campbell Press," spent a few days in town last week, and rendered us valuable assistance in putting up our presses in the new REPORTER building.

—We were pleased to meet our old friend, Lieut. J. M. CALIFF, U.S.A., in town last week.

—Mr. A. E. COOPER, of Coopor's Plains, N.Y., was in town last week. We are suspicious that something else besides marketing his superior "Balcony Chairs" brought him here. He is a clever fellow, but we rather suspect that he has designs on somebody.

—Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM MALLORY gave a grand party on Wednesday evening last, at their residence just below town. About two hundred guests were present, and everything went

"Merry as a marriage bell."

Those who attended pronounced it the most brilliant affair of the kind ever participated in in this place.

—Ensigns E. O. MACFARLANE and N. E. MASON have been spending several days with their friends here. The former has been ordered to report on board the U.S. ship *Potomac*, at Annapolis, Md., for a cruise to the West Indies.

FIRES.—A bold and wicked attempt to burn the Ward House, was made on Wednesday night, Dec. 21. The fire was kindled in a dark passage leading from the woodshed to the servants' rooms. About 10 o'clock in the evening the porter had occasion to visit the woodhouse, and discovered the fire falling through. A few pails of water sufficed to extinguish the flames, which was done without alarming the guests of the house. A few minutes more would have given the flames such headway, that it would have been impossible to save the building.

Another fire occurred on Saturday morning, Dec. 24. The fire was first discovered at about 3½ o'clock, in the barn of SULLIVAN'S hotel. The firemen, as usual, were soon on the ground, but were unable to stay the flames until the building in which they originated, the hotel, Gen. MAPDIL'S residence and barn, and WARD & MOSIMANN'S coal office, were destroyed. SULLIVAN'S hotel, it will be remembered, was badly damaged by fire about a month since, and had just been repaired. The property destroyed was nearly covered by insurance.

The whole community is becoming justly alarmed at the frequency of fires, and the boldness exhibited by the fiend who is causing them. We trust that every effort will be made to detect the guilty party.

☞ Prof. JOHN G. TOWNER, son of Rev. JOSEPH TOWNER, deceased, and brother of I. P. TOWNER, of Wyoming Conference, died at his residence in Rome, Thursday morning, Dec. 8, in the forty-sixth year of his age. Professor TOWNER embraced religion some twenty-three years ago, under the labors of Rev. L. PITTS, and immediately connected himself with the M. E. Church, of which he remained a worthy member and liberal supporter until his death. Our departed brother was endowed with rare musical gifts, which he cultivated until they were of a high order: and for many years he was a popular concert singer and instructor of music. His last effort in his beloved work was a concert on the 4th of July last, assisted by his two sons, the proceeds of which were given to the M.E. Church of Rome. His sickness was long and painful. In April last he took a severe cold, which aggravated a previous organic disease of the heart, and produced inflammatory rheumatism followed by dropsy. He bore his sufferings with great patience and resignation, set his house in order and calmly awaited the issue. It cost him a great struggle to give up his family, whom he loved ardently, and the Sabbath-school in which he was a faithful worker, and his chosen profession for which he was so well qualified, and for which he was fitting his three sons who have rare musical talents. His oldest son, DANIEL B., is already giving instructions as a teacher of vocal music. His last words were "Precious, precious Jesus." We shall sadly miss his genial good nature, his large, benevolent heart, his obliging disposition, and his glorious songs; but we hope to meet again and hear his voice in sweeter strains in Heaven. We commend his bereaved family to the prayers and sympathies of friends, the church of God. REV. W. SHELP,

Rome, Pa.

ATHENS.—In this season of holiday mirth and festivity, it is extremely difficult to scoop up items of local interest. The youthful recipients of Santa Claus' bountiful generosity have their better natures tickled, and for a time have put on such a happy Sunday smile and good behavior that nothing unhappy or strange can happen with them. And the older people—more mature only *in years*—have the exuberance of childish delight but slightly toned down to a more dignified shape, and are as happy with their toys and sweetmeats as the most youthful scion of Young America. It is refreshing in these days of selfish strife, that on the recurrence of a national holiday the antagonisms are forgotten and the most cynical is willing to smile his hand on a well-filled "broad-basket," and assuming the beautiful philosophy of Tiny Tim, say "*God bless us everyone!*"

The poor have not been forgotten in our midst. Many substantial comforts and necessaries of life have been sent them by kind-hearted neighbors, and their households have been made happy, for a time at least, with the bounties of satisfactory comfort. And some business men have given each person in their employ an expression of their regard. Mr. UNDERMAN gave each person employed in his tannery a Christmas turkey. We are sure that this token of regard will heighten their affection for their employer, whom they have always regarded with the highest esteem.

Business has been unusually lively with us. Messrs. FRASER & DREW made an extensive and good selection of holiday toys and gift books, and have had a lively trade. COMSTOCK and MITCHELL have also had their share of trade in this line; and in the line of general merchandise all our dealers are selling out the goods and "raking in" greenbacks with a vim.

Among our holiday visitors we notice our old friend, "Doc" COVERT, formerly a clerk at KINNEY'S store. He wears the same happy smile of former days, and is welcomed by his large host of friends here with the hand of most cordial good fellowship. We hope "Doc" will prosper and find as many good friends in his Chicago home as he has here, which is about the *acme of good wishes.*

JAMES THOMPSON, familiarly known as *Scotch* Thompson, died at the residence of his son (the old homestead) in this township, Sunday morning, Dec. 25th, aged 79 years. Mr. THOMPSON has been one of the energetic workers of this section. In addition to the labor on his farm he has had several important railroad contracts, and also built a portion of the Croton aqueduct in New York city. His funeral was attended at the Brick Church, in this place, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, and his remains deposited in the "old cemetery."

Mr. ALBERT STROPE, a resident of this county, near Towanda, was killed by the cars at this place Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th. He had been in the employ of Messrs. RYAN & WILLISON on their timber tract, and that day had been here to get Mr. WILLISON, designing to return at 3:45 p.m., but by some means missed the train. The express and Towanda accommodation trains passed here about the same time, and it is supposed he became bewildered watching the down train, which the express caught and passed over him. He was not discovered till the down train was nearly on him, so was run over by both trains and instantly killed. He was about 55 years of age and leaves a family.

DAVID MCKINNEY was severely injured by a runaway horse in Litchfield, Dec. 30th. He was thrown from the carriage, and it is feared, his skull fractured.

An Irish ball at CARTER'S Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 30th, given by the "Powers Boys," brought them in $60. A pretty money for shaking time.

Our gravel walks are finished—also the guard banks. Waverly, Owego, and Elmira papers, please notice.

REV. S. F. COLT, of Wysox, preached in the Presbyterian church Sabbath morning and evening.

Union services will be held in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, alternately, every evening this week. STELLE PENNE.

☞ The Cantata of Esther, presented by the Towanda Choral Association, briefly noticed last week, was a marked success. No one unaware of the fact would have guessed it to be the production of amateur artists, as it passed off so smoothly, with not one jar from opening to close.

Mrs. O. A. BALDWIN as Queen Esther, looked the part most successfully—every inch a queen, her fine soprano voice under such perfect control, exciting the enthusiasm and admiration of all. Mr. THEO. MULLOCK as Mordecai, acquitted himself with great credit. Dr. JOHNSON as King Ahasuerus, BISHOP as Harbonah, SCOTT as High Priest, all bore their part with excellent taste, both in the action and melody of the piece. Mrs. HENRY MERCUR as Haman's wife, and Miss WOODRUFF as Prophetess, won the commendation of all by the artistic manner in which they presented their respective parts. Too much praise cannot be given to the ladies representing the characters of the Maids of Honor of Queen Esther and Haman's wife. To say they did right well, is not to say half enough. We do not mention other names, but we say without fear of either being accused of a desire to present this in too flattering a light, or of being contradicted by any one, that their presentation of this musical treat to our people was a grand success. We have never known a more pleased audience than the one that separated, going their several ways, after the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies and gentlemen who have given their time and talents for the enjoyment of our people. The object for which the funds were given was in the highest degree creditable, viz: to the Franklin Steamer, No. 1. The large audience present—the Hall was more than full—was a fitting tribute to the Association and to the Fire Company; and of this large audience there was not one, we venture to say, disappointed otherwise than favorably.

This exhibition has vindicated the truth that here among our own people we have musical ability, which, being brought together, can give us entertainments second to none in the country. The old saying that "A bird that can sing and won't sing, should be made to sing," ought to be put in force here. The public desire more of this good thing. Music ennobles, benefits and cultivates every people. We need more of its culture here. The success of this Choral Association in their first effort should lead them to further efforts.

Every one with good voice, taking part in entertainments of this nature, is a missionary whose mission is to keep the world from the dangerous man spoken of by SHAKESPEARE:

"The man who has no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils.
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus.
Let no such man be trusted!"

All persons may not become good singers or musicians, but every person can be educated in a greater or less degree to the appreciation and enjoyment of music.

The piano was presided over with characteristic ability by Miss HOWES.

The choruses were a success in every respect. The costumes, most of which—except for leading parts—were made by the ladies themselves, evinced the fact that singing was not the only talent they possessed, as they were gotten up in most excellent taste.

The Association consists of about 30 members. The able leadership of the conductor, G. T. COLE, was proven by its success. Mr. COLE presented the character of Haman most effectively.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Towanda Choral Association, we ask in behalf of the public that we may have the pleasure of again listening to the Cantata of Esther, and that this organization so happily begun may be continued to us—for of no one institution in our midst will we be more proud than of your Association.

THE LIBRARY OF POETRY AND SONG.—This is a new book, which has been prepared with the aim of gathering into a single volume the largest practicable compilation of the best poems of the English language, making it as nearly as possible the choicest and most complete general collection of poetry yet published.

Amid all the varying tastes and desires of a reading people, there is sure to be a welcome for real, true Poetry: for that is the most pleasing expression of the sweeter, or stronger, or happier, or more sorrowful—in other words, of the more interesting phases of human life. Everybody, in searching over the broad field of Poetry, will be sure to come upon his own experience of thought or feeling, set forth in words that make it real to him. So that the Poet is the man most universally known, honored, and loved.

It is a superb large octavo volume of over 800 pages, well printed, on fine paper, and illustrated with an admirable portrait on steel of WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, containing also an introduction from his pen. Every page, poem by poem, has passed under his scholarly eye and educated criticism; and he is a man reverenced among men, a poet great among poets.

Amid the many flattering notices of the metropolitan press, we select the following from the *Christian Union*, H. W. BEECHER, editor, which has been pronounced "the ablest and most popular of American periodicals":

"The 'Library of Poetry and Song' is exceptionally excellent in its mechanical features: but while its shapely octavo page, its beautiful paper, and fine red-line margin instantly attract the eye, the really meritorious characteristic of the book lies, where it ought to lie, in the choice and wisdom of its selection. *To say the compilers have collected some singularly free*. Throughout the book one feels that, though Mr. BRYANT may not have been absolute in his editorial supervision, yet much of its symmetry and catholicity of choice is due to his watchful eye. The introduction is wholly his, and we do not remember any paper which, in so condensed a space, ever handled the question of poetry in its popular bearing, or summed up the relations of the different poet-schools with greater force, or in so happy a form, as does this prelusive essay of Mr. BRYANT."

Mr. GEO. T. INGHAM, the agent, will canvass this locality for subscribers in a short time.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN CANTON.—Fire was discovered at about two o'clock Sunday morning, Dec. 25th, in Miss R. H. Thompson's millinery store, over J. A. Hooper's merchant tailoring store, and rapidly spread until the following buildings were in ruins:

Mix & Hooper's store, J. G. Scudder's dwelling-house and shoe-shop, A. Doty's double-front store, Strait, Clark & Co.'s banking house, S. J. Hickok's double-front store, and American Hotel. It was with the greatest labor that the fire was kept from communicating to W. S. & L. Newman's foundery building and James Kinney and A. V. Trout's building. Had it reached Newman's block, the whole business part of our town would have been destroyed. Losses are as follows, as ascertained up to this date:

Mix & Hooper, store building, $2,200; insured $1,400.

J. G. Scudder, dwelling-house, $1,500; shoe-shop and contents, $200; insured $900.

Miss R. H. Thompson, millinery goods, $5,000; insured $2,200.

A. Doty, double-front store building, $3,000; insured $800.

Doty & Tuttle, dry goods, boots and shoes, $10,000; insured $5,000.

Strait, Clark & Co., banking house, $[illegible]; insured.

S. I. Hickok, double-front store building, $5,000; insured $2,000.

Hickok, White & Co., dry goods and groceries, $8,000; insured $6,000.

H. N. Williams, lawyer, not to exceed $100; fully insured.

N. B. Peterson, barber, slight; no insurance.

Dr. N. Smith, slight; no insurance.

H. Tuttle, American Hotel, $6,000; insured $3,500.

James Kinney, jeweler, about $100; insured.

A. V. Trout, $150; insured.

W. S. & L. Newman, $100; no insurance.

W. S. Newman, furniture, $150; no insurance.

Odd Fellows' Hall, $100; insured.

Miss Thompson barely escaped with her life. Awaking, nearly suffocated, she found the window and broke out on to the awning in her night clothes and an old shawl. By her bed was her dress containing nearly four hundred dollars in money, which was lost. W.

LARGE PRODUCTION OF COAL.—We understand the Towanda Coal Company mined, during the year 1870, 202,000 tons of coal; 78,000 tons of which was mined from the lands of the old Towanda Coal Company, and the remaining amount—124,000 tons—from property leased of Barclay Coal Company. This is the largest yield by about 22,000 tons ever taken from these lands in a single year, and the result must prove very gratifying to the Erie Railway Company, who now get their coal at very low figures and first cost. This certainly speaks well for the management.

☞ The District Convention I.O. of G.T. of Bradford County, met at Towanda on the 21st instant, and was called to order by G.W.C.T. CHASE. Journal of last convention read and approved. The Chair then appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Brothers Charles Hall, F. H. Stalford and E. B. DeLong.

On Business—Brothers J. B. Reeves, C. E. White and S. B. Guyer.

On Resolutions—Brothers O. K. Crosby, Wm. Lancaster, Charles Hall.

Order of Business reported as follows:

1. Report of committee on credentials.
2. Report of delegates.
3. Committee on resolutions.
4. Deciding on place for holding next meeting.
5. Taking up collection.

Committee on credentials reported the following Lodges represented, viz: Athens Lodge, No. 467; Martha Washington, 471; Wyalusing, 472; Canton, 466; Rock, 320; East Smithfield, 521; North Towanda, 539; Terrytown, 544; Le Roy, 545; Highland, 786; New Albany, 817; East Troy, 570; Forksville, 775; Northern, 223; Leona, —; Smithfield, 821; Rome, 460—seventeen Lodges represented; whole number of delegates, 67. The Lodges were reported as being steadily on the increase, with many additions in numbers since last convention.

A public meeting was held in Mercur's Hall in the evening, and addressed by G.W.C.T. Chase.

SECOND DAY.

Morning session opened with degree meeting, and Miss Hattie Tracy initiated in second and third degrees.

Convention called to order in subordinate degree at 9 a.m., with W.C.T. Dartt in the Chair. Journal of last session read and approved. On motion, it was decided that we have an open session and all be permitted to speak.

Committee on resolutions submitted the following, which were adopted after an animated discussion by Brothers Guyer, Butts, Webb, Taylor, Hall, Reeves, Dartt, Craft, Patton, Pratt, Fee, and others:

Resolved, That lodges should institute, as often as possible, public temperance meetings, lectures, social and literary exercises, as the best means of educating public opinion in general, and of bringing our Order into universal favor.

Resolved, That while we would not recommend the admission of any person to the privileges of our Order whose presence therein would be a source of contamination, yet we would earnestly entreat the members of the several lodges to refrain as much as possible from the use of black balls, remembering that "there is more joy over one sinner that repenteth than ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to degree meetings and Temples to confer the degrees of our Order only on such as have shown themselves worthy members of the subordinate lodge.

Resolved, That we consider the laws of our State, which license and encourage the sale of intoxicating drinks, as a disgrace upon christian civilization, and as unworthy of our great Commonwealth; and that we hope right speedily to see these laws abrogated, and replaced by those which shall make the sale of such drinks a crime punishable with severe penalties.

Resolved, That we deem the great portion of the Commonwealth to be able and willing to enforce a rigid prohibitory law, and that we favor the immediate passage of the Local Option LAW.

Resolved, That we earnestly entreat all moral and christian men to withhold their names from the annual petitions for license to sell intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, That we recommend the circulation of the *Keystone Good Templar* more generally among all classes, as a wholesome medium to promote the cause of Temperance.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Order are due to the Tunkhannock *Republican*, BRADFORD REPORTER and *Bradford Argus*, for favors shown in publishing items of interest to the cause.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, will append our signatures to the Local Option petition, and place the same in the hands of G.W.C.T. Chase.

Resolved, That inasmuch as Messrs. Bramhall & Ridgeway have placed a box for the benefit of our Convention in their store, and place in it one per cent. of receipts from Good Templars, we tender them our hearty thanks.

Communication read from Brother Sanderson, stating he held the key of the I.O. of G.T. box of Bramhall & Ridgeway, to the order of the Convention; which brother was designated to hold possession of all money placed therein.

Collection taken up for defraying expenses of Convention, also for lecture funds.

The Convention was favored by a well-selected song from Brother Pratt, of Towanda; also excellent instrumental music by the ladies of Towanda.

Brother J. L. Richardson, delegate from Wyoming and Luzerne district, was present, and gave a most favorable report of the temperance element in his district—their reliance on the ballot-box for the enactment of stringent prohibitory laws, not feeling willing to throw off the armor until the glorious object be accomplished.

The following executive committee was appointed: D. Craft, S. W. Alvord, Charles Hall.

Brother Craft offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Convention tender their thanks to the people of Towanda, for the generous entertainment extended by them to its members.

2. That we rejoice in having our G.W.C.T. Chase with us during our meeting, by whom the interest of our gathering has been greatly augmented, and cordially invite him to be present at our next meeting; and we do hereby express our confidence in him as our presiding officer, to whose energy and fidelity to the great principles of the temperance reform, the progress of the Order in the Commonwealth is in a great measure due.

3. That copies of our proceedings be furnished to the BRADFORD REPORTER, *Bradford Argus*, Tunkhannock *Republican*, and *Keystone Good Templar*, for publication.*

Under "Good of the Order," for nearly an hour the Convention was entertained with several short and instructive speeches from different members, leaving favorable and pleasant impressions on all present.

Adjourned to meet at Camptown on the 4th Wednesday in February, 1871.

S. C. GAYLORD, Sec'y.

Wyalusing, Dec. 24, 1870.

*Much interesting matter and several resolutions were omitted for want of space.

MR. EDITOR: The beginning of the year was inaugurated by another fire in our borough. About 4 o'clock on Sunday morning the building occupied by Mercur Frost was destroyed. Mr. Carman, of the Temperance Hotel, just opposite, having been awake about that time, thought he smelt something burning—looking over the house to discover the cause, he happened to notice the light from the burning building across the way. The alarm spreading, neighbors gathered hastily with pails, buckets, &c., but the building was too far gone to be saved. L. L. Moody's residence, next door, was saved with great difficulty. Mr. Frost with his wife was absent at his father-in-laws, five or six miles away. He had been absent since Friday night. The origin of the fire is involved in mystery. Some people hint incendiarism, but nobody knows. The building was the property of L. L. Moody, and was not insured, the furniture, etc., belonging to Mr. Frost was insured for $450; he will not lose much.

The citizens are agitating the matter of getting a fire engine for the borough—between two and three hundred dollars are already subscribed for the purpose.

Mr. Moody a short time ago very fortunately had taken away a small building between his house and the burnt building. Had it remained the result would have been disastrous, as the house which was burnt was in the very heart of the village, and we could scarce have escaped a general conflagration.

Various items of local interest must remain unnoted for want of time to mention them. We will just hint that there is a Temperance Hotel here which is worthy of the patronage of temperance people. "A word to the wise," etc.

Rome, Jan. 1, 71. YAROU.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—The residence of Mr. HUMPHREY BECKWITH, Potterville, has, during the past year, been the scene of many delightful gatherings, but none more interesting and impressive than the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. HUMPHREY BECKWITH. A large company was assembled, and presents costly and elegant were profusely bestowed.

Fifty years of successful matrimonial voyaging is worth holding a jubilee over, and such recurrence of the anniversary should be similarly celebrated.

The supper table presented an inviting appearance, and the luxuries received ample justice from the guests; and that Mr. & Mrs. BECKWITH might live to celebrate their diamond wedding, was the wish of all present.

☞ The ladies of South Litchfield and North Rome, and the gentlemen who assisted them in their labors of love, the fruits of which appeared on the Christmas tree at North Rome in the form of two beautiful bedquilts, have the thanks of the pastor and his wife. WM. SHELP.

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